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1. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR BOURCHIER MENTIONED TO ME SPECULATION IN PYONGYANG ABOUT HEALTH OF KIM IL SUNG. BOURCHIER LATE LAST WEEK HOSTED LUNCHEON FOR VISITING POLISH AND CZECH MEMBERS OF NEUTRAL NATION SUPERVISORY COMMISSION AND DURING LUNCHEON POLES PASSED ON THE SPECULATION RECEIVED FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN PYONGYANG.

2. ACCORDING TO PYONGYANG SPECULATION, LARGE GROWTH ON KIM IL SUNG'S NECK HAS NOW BEEN DIAGNOSED AS CANCER, AND HIS LIFE EXPECTANCY IS SHORT. KIM IL SUNG THEREFORE ACTIVELY SEEKING TO PASS HIS AUTHORITY TO HIS SON SKIPPING GENERATION BETWEEN THEM. KIM IL SUNG'S ACTIONS HAVE SET INTO MOTION SERIOUS DIFFERENCES WITHIN DPRK SENIOR RULING CIRCLES.
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